

DETAILED ACTION

Status

This communication is in response to the amendment filed on July 28, 2010.

Claims 1-25 are allowed in this Office action (renumbered as **1-25** with different claim order).

Information Disclosure Statement

As required by **M.P.E.P. 609(C)**, the Applicant's submission of the Information Disclosure Statement dated August 24, 2010 is acknowledged by the Examiner and the cited references have been considered in the examination of the claims now pending. As required by **M.P.E.P 609 C(2)**, a copy of the PTOL-1449 initialed and dated by the Examiner is attached to the instant Office action.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on September 21, 2010 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of Pat. No. US 7,603,335 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of **claims 1-25**:

The prior arts of record fail to teach the limitations of:

“determining whether contents identification information corresponding to the contents providing address in the acquisition/use file is registered in a database;

transmitting the contents request information for requesting the contents data corresponding to the contents identification information to the external apparatus when is determined that the contents identification information is not registered in the database,”

“temporarily storing the contents identification information as in-storage contents identification information when it is determined that the contents identification information is registered in the database or when the reception of the content data is completed,

transmitting attributes request information for requesting contents attributes information for altering the attributes of the contents data corresponding to the in-storage contents identification information to the attributes information providing address in the acquisition/use file when the temporary storage of the in-storage contents identification information is completed” and

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“wherein the acquisition/use file includes the attributes information providing address correlated with the contents data identification information”
(independent claims 1, 10, and 15-19).

Claims 2-9, 11-14, and 20-25 are also allowed based on their dependencies on claims 1, 10, 15, and 15-19 respectively.

Summary of Related Prior Arts

A) The prior arts on record are summarized as follows:

i) Nakayama et al. (Pat. No. US 7,117,253) teaches when contents on a server that need not be updated for a fixed period of time are recorded directly in a medium, and desired contents in a local device can be accessed by the same operation procedure as that for accessing the server storing the contents. When a request to acquire delivery information is made from information browsing unit with respect to a local proxy server, a server-side control file managed by a server with respect to which the request has been made is acquired and a local-side control file in duplicate information storing unit is initiated.

ii) Wolfe et al. (Pub. No. US 2004/0163033) teaches acquiring content, such as a document, for preservation in a native format and modality. A plurality of interfaces, specific to the type of content, receive the content to be preserved. The received content is indexed and preserved on a preservation media for an indefinite or predetermined

amount of time. The media is specially selected such that preservation for an indefinite or predetermined amount of time is possible.

iii) Volk et al. (*Pub. No. US 2004/0019497*) teaches providing personalized music playback over a network by selecting a hypertext link for the desired radio station for browsing media contents. After certain registration, login, and other administrative procedures are completed, the user may receive from the server a playlist of songs in the musical style of the radio station selected by the user.

iv) Ireton et al. (*Pub. No. US 2002/0077984*) teaches a media server for enabling protected media content to be shared by maintaining a desired distribution of acquired rights to use associated with media content and integrating a new component into a system for enabling protected media content to be shared between playback device.

v) Chun et al. (*Pub. No. US 2004/0054650*) teaches resuming downloading operation of the file from the point at which the download was stopped in the previous data transfer session even though the data transfer link is broken during the downloading of the file due to unexpected network problems or other problems.

vi) Logan et al. (*Pub. No. US 2003/0093790*) teaches utilizing metadata created either at a central location for shared use by connected users, or at each individual user's location, to enhance user's enjoyment of available broadcast programming content by automatically and manually identifying and designating programming segments, associating

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descriptive metadata which the identified segments, distributing the metadata for use at client locations, and using the supplied metadata to selectively record and playback desired programming.

B) Any comments considered necessary by the Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Son T. Hoang whose telephone number is (571) 270-1752. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday (7:00 AM – 4:00 PM).

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